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Notes & Comments

Arrival and Departure

Ch. Abdur Rahman Bengali, Missionary Incharge, Ahmadiyya Mission, U.S.A. arrived back from America on the 7th of November after a stay of four years in the States. Mr. Bengali's term in the States, with the grace of God, was very successful, not only in the matter of consolidation of the Jamaat but also in its expansion. He toured the States and delivered the Message of Islam to all and sundry. A Bulletin that was published under his auspices went a long way in bringing the members closer to one another by keeping them informed of the activities of the Jamaat. The bulletin also gave place of prominence to the news from the Headquarters.

Mr. Bengali was given a rousing reception at the railway station, Rabwah.

Maulvi Mohammad Munawar, Missionery Incharge, Ahmadiyya Mission, Tanzania, arrived back in Pakitan after about three years service as Missionery of Islam, on the 9th of November. He was received by a large number of people at the Railway Station, Rabwah.

Maulvi Mohammad Munawar is a good scholar of Kinswahili, the lingua franca of East Africa and has edited a paper in this language for many years.

Maulvi Iqbal Ahmad Shahid left for Sierra Leone on the 31st of October. This is his second tour abroad. He has already worked in Sierra Leone for three years as a Missionary of Islam.

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Missionary Gives Parting Advice

I came to your city to convey the message of Islam which means peace—peace with God and peace with His creatures. Having conveyed the message in my humble way, for about four years, I am now leaving your country soon. So, I would like to say a few words of farewell to my fellow beings of your city.

God has endowed your country with fascinating natural beauty to which you have added much artificially, too, by your unparalleled progress in science and technology, inventions and discoveries.

Some moral excellences of your people—their courtesy and generosity, their sympathy and hospitality to foreigners—have deeply impressed by the deep regard the people in general have for religion in spite of their material prosperity and also by their commendable toleration for the religion of others.

Now, while the excellences of your people have charmed me the moral delinquencies of the juveniles have greatly pained me. I have passed many sleepless nights pondering over the causes and remedies of this evil—the lack of respect for law, life, property and chastity among the youger generations who are the future hope of the nation. I wish every leader—political, social

or religous, nay every citizen—gave more careful consideration to the solution of this problem. The newspapers, too, might devote more columns to the discussion of this problem without being satisfied merely with the publication of sad and distressing news.

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If this great evil that menaces your social peace and security is eradicated, your country will become a Paradise on earth. To eradicate this evil mere material means will not be sufficient. Some spiritual means must also be adopted, because despite all legal remedies and technological means, crime has been increasing. Steps should be taken to instill into the younger minds faith in the existence of God and love for Him and His creatures. Faith in the hereafter and the efficacy of prayer should also be encouraged.

Free mingling of men and women, boys and girls, nude dances, pictures and models, exposing dress and mini skirts are not less responsible for crimes. The use of alcohol also, is greatly responsible.

So, steps should be taken to reform these practices.

I wish, and fervently, that God bless all your citizens with spiritual prosperity even as He has blessed them with material prosperity ! Amen !

A. R. KHAN BENGALEE
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Conference in Liberia

Maulvi Mubarak Ahmad Saqi, Missionery Incharge, Ahmadiyya Mission, Liberia, writes to say that the first Ahmadiyya Annual Conference was held on the 5th of November. The members of the Mission as well as friends from other Communities attended from various parts of the country. Some people travelled no less than two hundred miles to participate in the Conference.

The first session of the conference was presided over by Mr. P. L. Comber who in his presidential address advised the members of the Community to take themselves as Missionaries and preach the message of Islam to every one they came across. He was followed by Mr. Abu Bakr (a local missionary) who spoke on the family of Sulman and proved with convincing arguments that the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement was the very person about whom the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of God be upon him, had told his Ummat that he would bring the faith back from the skies.

The second session was chairmanned by Maulvi Saqi himself. During this session, speeches were made on the subjects :-

(1) Facts about Mahdi and Dajjal
(2) The Message of peace.

The Chairman in his closing remarks thanked the audience for so keenly taking part in the Conference, the sole purpose of which was to think and talk of the furtherance of the cause of Islam and to bring the members eloser to one another.

At the end of the Conference, four persons joined the Community.

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Youth Camp

Recently the Ahmadiyya Mission, Maurituis, held a youth camp. The prizes

were distributed by the Minister of Health. The report of the occasion which was published in a local paper (The Congress) is reproduced below :

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Sunday the 27th August was the last day of the Ahmadiyya Youth Camp at Flicen-Flac. Hon. K. Jagathsingh, the Minister of Health, was there in time, at 3 p.m. to distribute the prizes.

After the recitation of the Holy Quran and a Nazm, the welcome address was read by Mr. S.H. Yadallee, the Qaid of Majlis Khuddam-Ul-Ahmadiyya of Mauritius. A report of one weak activities was presented by Mr. Ahmad Aullybux, the Camp Warden. After some recreation games presented by the Sports and literary officers, the Hon. Minister proceeded to the distribution of prizes. In the end, the best prize - a copy of the Holy Quran with English Translation- was presented by M.I. Munir the Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary to the Hon. Minister.

Soon after that, our Hon guest made the following speech :

Maulana Sahib, my friends, This is my first public appearance since the last election. I have not yet even spoken in the Legislative Assembly and I am now speaking to you. So you have the priority. Because of these two things my coming here this afternoon is going to be something of very high importance to me.

I am here to say that I am glad to have come here not that I have sacrificed my time, but I consider this a part of my duty to be here. I have been myself camping for ten years and I know the benefits which the Youth Camp can bestow on the participants. As I walked with people this afternoon they have shown, at least they have given to me—a foreigner to your camp—a glimpse of the activities which you have had during the past week. I have no doubt that your camp has been properly organised and not only this, it was conceived on right scientific lines and for this I wish to congratulate Maulana Munir for all his devoted services to the Ahmadiyya Movement of of Mauritius and I am sure that all of you must have benefited and that when you leave this camp to-morrow for town you will put into practice what you have learnt here and not only put into practice in your life but to convey to your environment, to your colleagues and to your neighbours the sound principles one comes to learn in a camp.

I think the greatest gift that anybody can give me as a man, is the book because I am a lover of books. I don't have much money ; I am not a rich man from the money point of view , but I only feel very proud that in my house I have a very fine library indeed. I am sure this book will go in my personal and private library and become a wonderful part of it.

From what you have been doing here I can see that you have been doing a part of the works of the Ministry of Health, for this I am thankful to you. Because when you come to the sea side you breathe the fresh air, you live like brothers - this means you are looking not only after your physical health but you are also looking for your mental health.

I hope to see you again whether in Youth camp or somewhere else. I say thank you again once more as I have enjoyed every minute I have spent here, and you have my very best wishers.'

After a vote of thanks the guests were invited to have refreshments.

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Triumph of Islam

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O God, you who are the healer of the ailments of all the hearts and you who are the shelter of the weak and Forgiver of the sinful, through Your grace forgive that servant of yours and have mercy on those who have been bereaved.

It is only to cite some instances that I have mentioned a few friends here; I have other friends also who are as good as these ones and whom I should like to mention in a separate booklet. This topic is getting too long and therefore I close it here.

I deem it fit to mention here that all those who have been initiated at my hands and have thus joined my Community are not so good that I s h o u l d express a good opinion about them. Some of them are like the dry branches who will be cut off by my God who is my Protector, and be thrown into the woods for burning. Some of them are such that in the beginning they were quite sincere but now their minds are closed up and the zeal of sincerity and light of the love of followership is no more.

R a t h e r like Bal-am it is only the wicked deeds that are being enacted and they are just like a decaying tooth which should be pulled out from the mouth and thrown under the feet. They are tired and exhausted and the worthless world has ensnared them with deception. I tell you the truth that soon they will be cut off from me except that person whom God, t h r o u g h His grace, may hold afresh. There is a large number of such people too who have been given to me for ever. They are the green branches of the tree of my person and, God willing, I will write about them later on.

Here I should like to remove the doubt of those who are well-to-do and who take themselves to be very generous and as if they have sacrificed themselves for the cause of religion but the fact is that they absolutely keep themselves away from spending their wealth on the proper occasions. They say: if we had lived in the days of a truthful who was helped by God and who had been sent by God to help religion, we would have been inclined to help him so much that we would have sacrificed ourselves for his cause; but what can we do now.

There is deception and wickedness all around but let it be clear to you that a man has been sent to support the religion and you have not recognised him. He is in your midst and he is the one who is speaking to you but there are thick veils on your eyes. Had you been truly searching for the truth it would not have been difficult for you to test the person who claims to be the recipient of the word of God. You should come to him. Stay with him two to three weeks so that the blessings that God is showering on him and the light of that divine revelation that he receives may be seen by you also, though only in part. Only the seeker finds and it is opened to him alone who knocks. If you close your eyes and hide yourself in a dark room and then you ask where the sun is (that is you deny the existence of the sun), this will be nothing but a vain complaint. O, you the unwise, open the doors of your room and remove the veil from your eyes so that you may not only be able to see the sun, it may even enlighten you with its light. *(More)*

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RABWAH DIARY

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Khutba

On Friday the 27th of October, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III inaugurated the 34th year of the Tahrik-i-Jadid. Hazrat told the audience that during his tour of Europe he had observed that the people there had almost disowned Christianity and that being the case it was most essential that we should speed up our work and let the people know how the true teachings of Islam could guide them. A large number of churches have been sold and converted into Bars or factories and that clearly pointed to the fact that people were no longer interested in their religion. Hazrat said that the so-called Christians were really going much farther than that, for, they were now accusing Jesus Christ of such immoral behaviour that no one with any iota of respect for that great prophet of God could even think of those things.

Hazrat remarked that the fact was that the moral laxity into which they had slipped was making them dangerously bold to sling the same mud on the one whom they have been believing as their God. What a great change. Hazrat drew the attention of the Jamaat to their responsibilities and said that they must realise that the angels were really working for them and shifting the minds of the socalled Christians from their own religion. It is now for us to present the true religion to them.

Hazrat reminded the Jamaat that all this work had to be done through the Tahrik-i-Jadid and therefore the members of the Community should not only give their promises at their earliest, they should see to it that their promises are commensurate with the need of the time.

Ilmi (علمی) Speeches

The monthly meeting of Ilmi (علمی) Speeches was held on the 11th of November. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III was some-what indisposed and therefore he could not grace the meeting with his presence. Mirza Abdul Haq, Advocate, Sargodha, presided. The speakers were Maulana Abul Ata, Qazi Mohammad Nazir, and Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad, and the theme of their speeches was the life of the Khalifatul Masih I.

Special Prayers

The Vakil-ul-Mal (1) has announced that, as usual, the names of those who will pay up their promises of Tahrik-i-Jadid till the 29th day of the month of Ramazan, will be presented to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III for special prayers.

This point needs no stress that the earlier the payment is made the better it is, for then, most of the schemes can be worked upon in due time and to the best advantage of the Community.

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Facts about Turkey

by Dr. Sayed Z.A. Shah

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Turkey is an Islamic Republic of Asia and Europe and has lost much of her 19th century territories during the Ist. World War when her dominions extended in the Middle East. Africa and far enough in the Eastern Europe under the ottoman Muslim Empire.

Geography :- The bulk of the Republic is included in the area called Asia Minor and is about 800 miles long and 300 miles wide with an area of 296107 square miles. It is bounded on the north by the Black Sea, on the west by the Aegean and on the south by the Mediterranean. Across the strait of Bosphorus a part of the old kingdom of Thrace comprises the European part of Turkey. The name Anatolia is used locally for the western part of Asiatic Turkey and is the most thickly populated area.

Topography : The country is a plateau surrounded on three sides by high ranges of mountains. On the east the plateau is guarded by the high Armenian mountains extending far towards Persia (Iran) and Caucasia. The country has salt as well as fresh water lakes. Out of the former Lake Van is situated in the eastern part at a height of 5646 ft. with an area of 1453 square miles & another Salt Lake in the central Anatolian plain 2950 ft. above sea level with an area of 626 sq. miles. Of the latter (fresh water ones) Beyshehir (elev. 3601 ft., area 251 sq. miles) and Egidir (elev. 3031 ft. area 200 sq. miles) are famous.

Climate : The average rainfall is from 10 in the eastern parts to 100 inches in the western area and the rainy season is during winter while it is dry during summer.

Products & Mimeral Wealth : The main products include cotton, wheat, figs, raisins, citrus fruits, and tobacco. The minerals include coal, chrome, emery, lead, manganese, zinc, copper, borax, sulphur and petroleum. Turkey has a monopoly of a rare mineral meerschaum.

Population : Turkey has a population of over 25000000 out of whom 98% are muslims while the remaining 2% comprises mainly of christians (Greek Orthodox, armeniams-mostly Gregorians, Roman Catholics and Protestants). The mother tongue of the vast majority is Turkish (87%) & Kurdish (8%) while other mother tongnes include Arabic, Greek, Circassian, Laz, Armenian, Georgian, Yiddish, Judeo-Spanish, Bulgarian etc.

The capital is Ankara with a population of 650,000. Istambul situated in the Enropean part of Turkey has long been the capital as Constantinople under the old christian Eastern Roman Empire and later during the period of the Ottoman Muslim Empire when it was & is still called Istambul by the Turkish people.

History : Turkey has a very old history and also includes the following places of interest ;—

(1) Troy of Homer or Helen's Troy.

(2) Mount Arrart where Noah's arc is stated to be halted after the deluge.

(3) Patara where 1 Corinthians was written.

(4) In all the four of his missionary journey St. Panl passed thrdugh varions parts of Asia minor (Turkey) including Galatia, Antioch, Ephesus, Derba and Perga (where he first met with Timothy) In his first journey he wys accompanied with Barnabas(and John mark and in his second journey with Silias.

(5) In ear,y christian period seven churches were established at Smyrna, Sardis, Pergamum, Thyatira, Ephesus, Laodicea and Philadelphia, all in Asia Minor (Turkey)

Turkey is a member of NATO and RCD. and has very deep ties with Pakistan.

Recently, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III enroute to Europe and back travelled by air via Istambul.

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